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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Downstate mass transit districts as created under the Local Mass Transit Act are a critical part of the State's infrastructure; and

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WHEREAS, A well-developed and maintained downstate mass transit system is important for the commuting public and is an essential element in the State's economic development activities; and

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WHEREAS, The Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP), as a grant program to help develop and operate downstate public transportation services, provides up to 65% of eligible costs with each participant getting an annual appropriation; and

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WHEREAS, In addition to DOAP, funding sources for the downstate mass transit districts come from federal grants, state grants, and tax revenue; and

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WHEREAS, According to summaries of the downstate mass transit districts' revenue for Fiscal Year 2013, the districts had a collective revenue of approximately \$248.6 million and expenditures of \$197.4 million; and

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1           WHEREAS, There is interest concerning funding sources,  
2 appointing authority, and contractual authority of each of  
3 Illinois' downstate mass transit districts; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 the Auditor General is directed to conduct an audit of  
7 downstate mass transit districts; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the audit include, but not be limited to,  
9 the following:

10           (1) an examination of the sources of funding for the  
11 downstate mass transit districts in Fiscal Year 2016, and a  
12 determination of whether the funding sources have  
13 significantly changed over the past 10 years;

14           (2) an examination of the board of trustees governing  
15 each downstate mass transit district, and the authority to  
16 appoint those trustees to the governing board; and

17           (3) an examination of the contractual authority held by  
18 each downstate mass transit district; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation and any  
20 other State agency or other entity having information relevant  
21 to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor  
22 General's Office in the conduct of this Audit; and be it  
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1           RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as  
2           soon as possible and report its findings and recommendations  
3           upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section  
4           3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution shall be  
6           presented to the Auditor General, the Secretary of State, and  
7           the Secretary of the Department of Transportation.